GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ATTACKS ON INDIANS IN KENYA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Indians have been attacked in violence in Kenya;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the loss of life and property;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the issue with the Government of Kenya; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken to ensure the safety of lives and property of the Indians living there?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) & (b) In the violence and looting that followed the announcement of election results in Kenya on 30 December 2007, shops and establishments of some members of the Indian community were affected. There was, however, no loss of life of any member of the Indian community.

(c) & (d) All appropriate steps were taken by the Government to ensure the safety and security of Indians in Kenya, including issue of emergency travel documents and visas. Local Indian banks and insurance agencies were asked to provide all possible assistance for the rehabilitation of the affected Indians. Indian Missions in the region were instructed to provide humanitarian assistance where necessary.